

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0087

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # J-093 – Vic. Concession Building
{Current}
Property Date: 1953
Address(s): Virginia Route 175 {Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5
Resource is open to the public

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Windows	Windows - Fixed	Vinyl	Windows - 1-light
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Flat	Asphalt	
Structural System	Structural System - Not Visible		

Site Description: Located on the east side of Wallops Flight Facility, the structure is grouped with other Visitor Center buildings in an eastern sloping area.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Store	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Store

Est. Date of Construction: 1953 {Owner/written data}

Accessed? Yes

Primary Resource? Yes

Number of Stories: 1.0

Architectural Style: Other

Condition: Good-Fair

Interior Plan Type: Other

Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: The building has a poured concrete slab foundation and a flat roof with two rear shed additions; the roof is covered with rolled asphalt. The main building has a roughly L-shaped plan; the roof overhangs the east wall of the north arm creating a covered area and is supported by two wood posts. While most of the building is clad with corrugated metal panels, the north elevation has a concrete pebble dash finish surrounding the main entry which is a modern glass door flanked by two plate glass windows. Other doors include a plain metal door and one with a narrow, rectangular window.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This one-story building, built in 1953, originally served as a Compressor Building. It is included on a proposed list of buildings under construction as a "Compressor Building" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It has also been used by the Department of the Army as a gun-testing laboratory and currently serves gift shop for the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) Visitor Information Center. The building is located on the east side of VA Route 175, to the east of the WFF main base. It is located in the center of the Visitor Information Center area, in a gently sloping area that levels off to the east towards the tidal marsh and creek to the east.

This building is an example of a secondary Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period and was one of several buildings and structures built on CNAAS in the mid-1950s. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The Vic. Concession Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of materials, design, and workmanship has been adversely affected by an addition, the replacement of the building's doors and windows, and the introduction of modern corrugated metal panels that cover the walls. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the physical and functional changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: Giffels and Valet
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: U.S. Navy
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

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Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

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